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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS, A SENIOR GOP INTELLIGENCE HEAD HAS ALLEGED THAT YZP#SABOTEURS ENTERED PAKISTAN EARLY THIS MONTH FROM A "NEIGHBORING COUNTRY" (UNNAMED BUT OBVIOUSLY AFGHANISTAN. IN PRESENTING PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE AGAINST THE OUT-LAWED NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY (NAP), THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INTER-SERVICES INTELLIGENCE, LT. GENERAL GHULAM JILANI, CLAIMED THE SABOTEURS CROSSED THE BORDER THE NIGHT OF JULY 3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, JILANI SAID THAT SOME SABOTAGE INCIDENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THAT DATE AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE JULY 5 BOMBING OF A PIA BOEING 707. (REFTELS)

2. GBEN ASKED IF THE SABOTEURS HAD LINKS WITH THE NAP, JILANI REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT HE HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED A FILE WHICH DREW THAT LINK. ISS, HE TESTIFIED, LEARNED ABOUT THE INFILTRATION ON JULY 6 AND EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FOLLOW THE SABOTEURS AND TO "SEAL THE BORDERS" TO PREVENT THEIR ENTRY. (WE PRESUME "SEAL THE BORDERS" SIMPLY MEANS TO HEIGHTEN THE LOOKOUT FOR POSSIBLE MALFEASANTS AS WE HAVE RECEIVED NO WORD THAT BORDER CROSSING POINTS HAVE BEEN CLOSED.)

3. ALL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, BOTH ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR, JULY 10 GAVE PROMINENT FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO JILANI'S TESTIMONY. MOST, BUT NOT ALL, (MOST NOTABLY THE PAKISTAN TIMES) USED THE TERM "NEIGHBORING COUNTRY" TO DESCRIBE INFILTRATION BASE. PAK TIMES MADE NO MENTION OF A BASE. NO PAPER WE HAVE SEEN SPECIFICALLY POINTED TO AFGHANISTAN IN THIS CONNECTION, BUT READER SHOULD HAVE HAD LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION.

4. JILANI'S ACCOUNT OF ALLEGED INFILTRATION CAME IN COURSE OF TESTIMONY IN WHICH HE INTER ALIA PRESENTED EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT FAMILIAR GOP BRIEF THAT WALI KHAN'S VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN HAD PLAYED SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT OF NAP TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. (WE ARE PREPARING BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NAP TRIAL TO DATE AND EXPECT TO HAVE IT TO ADDRESSEES SHORTLY.) LUPPI

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